

Appl. No. 09/337,243

Response dated April 25, 2005

Reply to Notice of Allowability of January 26, 2005

REMARKS


Regarding the Notice of Allowability mailed on January 26, 2005, for the above-referenced patent application, Applicant wishes the following remarks be made of record:

1. In response to a notification filed on February 2, 2004 by Applicant, Examiner Melvin Curtis Mayes, who is responsible for review of U.S. Application No. 10/312,167, consulted with Examiner Safavi regarding U.S. Application No. 09/337,243 on March 10, 2004.
2. On October 11, 2000, Applicant submitted Information Disclosure Statement containing references cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statement.
3. Patentably distinct claims were present for U.S. Application No. 10/312,167 when compared with the claims of U.S. Application No. 09/337,243.

If the Examiner should have any questions regarding this application, a call to Applicant's attorney would be appreciated.

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